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Application of : Bek et al. Examiner: M. Peffley
Serial No. : 09/974,750 Group Art Unit: 3739
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For : Systems and Methods for Monitoring and Controlling Use of Medical Devices

AMENDMENT A

Submitted with Request for Continued Examination

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure

Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, which was designated a final action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and advance prosecution.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including March 30, 2003, has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee has been paid.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Related Application paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 5 as follows in clean as well as in marked-up form: